

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 8-14 and 22-35 are in the case. Reconsideration and reexamination are respectfully requested.

Claims 8-14 are allowed. In a prior amendment nonmethod claims 1-7 and 15-21 were cancelled without prejudice. In this amendment cancelled nonmethod claims 1-7 and 15-21 have been added as new claims 22-35. It is believed that new claims 22-35 are allowable for the reasons previously set forth respect to nonmethod claims 1-7 and 15-21.

Although Applicants have previously amended claims, Applicants are not conceding in this application that the original claims are invalid for being unpatentable, as the prior amendments were for facilitating expeditious prosecution. Applicants respectfully reserve the right to pursue these and other claims in this present application and one or more continuations and/or divisional patent applications.

The Examiner has previously made various comments concerning the anticipation or obviousness of certain features of the present inventions. Applicants respectfully disagree. Applicants have previously addressed those comments or the Examiner's comments are deemed moot.

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Conclusion

For all the above reasons, Applicant submits that the pending claims are patentable over the art of record. Should any additional fees be required, please charge Deposit Account No. 09-0460.

The attorney of record invites the Examiner to contact him at (310) 553-7970 if the Examiner believes such contact would advance the prosecution of the case.

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